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PRODUCTION OF ETHERIFIED MELAMINE  
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CONDENSATES, AND USE THEREOF .**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** are reflected on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.